

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q82517

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Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara

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For: POLYMER CONJUGATES

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated July 25, 2008, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1, 33-55 and 64-70, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In addition, the Examiner has required that Applicant elect "a single disclosed product specie that is produced by the living radical polymerization method as in Group I or a single disclosed product that is fully and completely defined by the single disclosed variables defining the product."

In response to the Examiner's requirement, for the initiator, Applicant elects the initiator used in Example 8. This is the bromo modified initiator derived from dexamethasone. For the

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compound of general formula I, Applicants elect the monomer MPC. The 2-methacryloyl-oxyethyl-2'-trimethylammonium ethyl phosphate inner salt is used as the monomer in Examples 5-10 of the present Application.


It is believed that the Claims 1, 33-37 and 41-55, 64, and 67-70 read on the elected species.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Claims 56-63 and 71-78.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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